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in Bailey's "Cyclopedia of Horticulture." The plant seems particularly at home in northern Africa and in the immense semi-arid and desert region comprising the Aralo-Caspian district, Russian Turkestan, Arabia, Persia, etc. The following eleven species are listed by nurserymen in this country, but the accuracy of the names is not yet determined: *Tamarix Parviflora, T. Algerica, T. Amurensis, T. Odessana, T. Chinensis, T. Gallica* and variety *Indica, T. hispida* (=*T. Kashgarica*), *T. juniperina* (=*T. Japonica* and *T. plumosa*), *T. tetrandra* and *T. Germanica. T. Germanica* and eight or nine others are now, however, referred to *Myricaria.*

The most common species in cultivation in this country appear to be *T. parviflora* and *T. gallica,* the latter originating in southern France. Discussions on the tamarisk have commonly referred to it as being of African origin. For our Great Plains and the drier portions of the western states most likely the species of Siberian origin would be best adapted. Numerous specimens have been introduced into this country by the U. S. Department of Agriculture, chiefly from China and Chinese Turkestan.

It is very important not to confuse the tamarisk with the tamarack, an extremely different plant, adapted in fact to marshes.

These few notes on the above subject are offered with the hope that interest will be stimulated in much more extensive plantings of this remarkable drought-resistant and alkali-resistant shrub in the districts in this country where it is adapted.

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## *FINANCIAL STATEMENT OF THE PERMANENT SECRETARY OF THE AMERICAN ASSOCIATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF SCIENCE*

L. O. Howard, Permanent Secretary, in account with the American Association for the Advancement of Science. From November 1, 1912, to October 31, 1913.

*Dr.*

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| To balance from last account: | | $7,836.40 |
| Admission fees | $2,760.00 | |
| Annual dues, 1913 | 20,891.75 | |
| ditto 1914 | 119.00 | |
| ditto previous yrs. | 302.00 | |
| Associate fees | 15.00 | |
| Life membership fees. | 800.00 | |
| Publications | 57.25 | |
| Bindings | 5.00 | |
| Jane M. Smith Fund... | 5,000.00 | |
| Interest | 78.69 | |
| Unclassified receipts, including postage and Treasurer's payment on Science subscriptions for Life Members | 615.53 | 30,644.22 |
| | | $38,480.62 |

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| *By publications:* | | |
| Publishers Science | $14,796.45 | |
| Proceedings, Vol. 62.. | 1,901.09 | $16,697.54 |
| *By expenses Cleveland meeting:* | | |
| Secretaries' expenses and commutations .. | 540.09 | |
| Badges, assistance and general expenses | 115.71 | 655.80 |
| *By office expenses, including propaganda work:* | | |
| Postage | 1,623.51 | |
| Stationery, circulars and misc. printing | 789.10 | |
| Extra clerical help | 653.85 | |
| Engraving and printing certificates | 105.00 | |
| Telegrams, telephone, expressage, office supplies, etc. | 463.25 | 3,634.71 |
| *By salaries:* | | |
| Permanent Secretary .. | 1,500.00 | |
| Assistant Secretary ... | 1,500.00 | 3,000.00 |
| *By miscellaneous disbursements:* | | |
| To Treasurer (Jane M. Smith Fund) | 5,000.00 | |
| To Treasurer (life membership fees) | 1,400.00 | |
| To dues returned | 13.00 | 6,413.00 |
| By balance to new account.. | | 8,079.57 |
| | | $38,480.62 |

The foregoing account has been examined and found correct, the expenditures being supported by proper vouchers. The balance of $8,079.57 is with the following Washington, D. C., banks:

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| American Security & Trust Co. | $3,994.11 |
| American National Bank of Washington | 4,085.46 |
| | $8,079.57 |

(Sgd.) Theo. N. Gill,
*Auditor*

Smithsonian Institution,
Washington, D. C.